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Comments: Dear Forest Service Team,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and urge the Forest Service to give it a wholehearted YES. This is a crucial step in safeguarding our precious natural resources.

I kindly request that the Forest Service conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this withdrawal. Time is of the essence, an EA will allow for a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and ensure that the decision is well-informed while being much faster than a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Furthermore, once the EA is completed, I kindly request a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Contrary to expectations, the withdrawal will not result in any significant harm to the land. On the contrary, it will help protect our water quality, honor the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserve this area for recreational purposes.

As a supporter of this cause, I am deeply committed to water quality and the cultural values associated with this region. By approving the mineral withdrawal, we can ensure that our water remains free from toxic pollutants, uphold the reverence for the sacred lands, and maintain a pristine environment for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your thoughtful consideration and support in protecting our natural resources are greatly appreciated.